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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV APPROACH ON ETHIOPIA

1. ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS, COUNSELOR OF YUGOSLAVIA EMBASSY (NOVAKOVIC) CALLED ON ETHIOPIA DESK OFFICER TO OUTLINE YUGOSLAVIA'S POLICY VIS-A-VIS ETHIOPIA AND TO DISCUSS CURRENT SITUATION. HE SAID YUGOSLAVIA'S BASIC INTEREST IS IN ETHIOPIA'S SECURITY, INDEPENDENCE, INTEGRITY AND CONTINUED NON-ALIGNMENT. COUNSELOR NOTED WITH APPROVAL THAT NEW ETHIOPIAN LEADERSHIP HAS CHOSEN SOCIALIST COURSE OF  
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DEVELOPMENT, AND IS GIVING PRIORITY TO FRIENDLY RELATIONS

AND COOPERATION WITH YUGOSLAVIA. ETHIOPIA HAS ASKED FOR YUGOSLAVIA'S ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT. YUGOSLAVIA WILL GIVE ETHIOPIA ADDITIONAL US \$200,000 OF HUMANITARIAN AID IN FORM OF FOOD, MEDICINES AND TEXTILES, AND IS PLANNING TO SEND ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL EXPERTS TO ETHIOPIA.

2. YUGOSLAVIA SUPPORTS SETTLEMENT OF THE ERITREAN PROBLEM ON A FEDERAL BASIS, SIMILAR TO HER OWN ARRANGEMENT. YUGOSLAVIA IS TRYING TO PERSUADE THE ARAB STATES, E.G., IRAQ, SYRIA, AND LIBYA, TO SUPPORT SUCH A SOLUTION. HE WAS NOT AWARE OF NATURE ARAB RESPONSE TO THESE APPROACHES.

3. YUGOSLAVIA HAS STRESSED TO ETHIOPIANS THE NEED TO ACCORD HUMANE TREATMENT TO HAILE SELASSIE, BEARING IN MIND HIS ROLE IN FIGHT AGAINST FASCISM AND IN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.

4. YUGOSLAV COUNSELOR SAID HIS GOVERNMENT RECEIVING VARYING INTERPRETATIONS OF INTERNAL EVENTS IN ETHIOPIA. THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT ETHIOPIA MAY HAVE ASKED CHINESE FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

5. DEPTOFF TOLD YUGOSLAV THAT US SHARES LATTER'S INTEREST IN ETHIOPIA AS STATED PARA 1 ABOVE. TO THAT END WE PREPARED TO CONTINUE MILITARY SUPPORT TO ETHIOPIA, PROVIDED ETHIOPIA AVOIDS ACTIONS INIMICAL TO US INTERESTS. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE CONCERNED THAT RASH AND ILL-CONSIDERED MOVES BY DIRG IN PRESENT PURSUIT OF REFORM MAY HAVE DESTABILIZING EFFECTS AND JEOPARDIZE VERY OBJECTIVES THEY APPEAR TO BE SEEKING. ANY INFLUENCE YUGOSLAVIA COULD EXERT BY COUNSELLING MODERATION TO CURRENT ETHIOPIAN REGIME WOULD SUPPORT OUR MUTUAL INTEREST IN STABILITY AND PEACE IN THAT VOLATILE AREA OF WORLD.

6. COUNSELOR SAID SIMILAR APPROACHES BEING MADE OTHER WESTERN CAPITALS AS WELL AS AMONG NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. YUGOSLAVIA WOULD CONTINUE TO PROMOTE INTEREST IN ETHIOPIAN DEVELOPMENTS AT NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS IN DAKAR IN JANUARY AND IN HAVANA IN LATE FEBRUARY. INGERSOLL

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